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Arcata getting crime task force, committee

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ARCATA — The Arcata City Council last week authorized formation of a task force centered on public safety. City staff will develop a proposal, which the council will consider at an upcoming meeting. Its next regular meeting Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Advocates had asked that the city create a Public Safety Committee. It would act similarly to other city-specialized advisory committees, such as forest management and transportation safety.

Formation of a committee is a step-by-step process defined in the Arcata Municipal Code. It requires scoping, introduction of an ordinance, adoption of an ordinance and appointment of members, all on a prescribed schedule, and can take months to carry out.

An interim step is creation of a task force, to clarify issues and further refine the proposed committee's mission and responsibilities.

A staff report by Police Chief Tom Chapman suggested three options: creation of a committee, creation of an annual calendar of neighborhood meetings, or regularly scheduled citizen-police meetings. Noting confusion which became apparent during the recent Westwood neighborhood meeting about how to communicate with police and the city, he said the Arcata Police Department isn't doing the best job of engaging citizens.

"Opportunity is knocking for us, as a city, to better engage our community to strengthen our community," Chapman told the council. A partnership and collaboration with citizens, such as what was being recommended, could act as a "force multiplier" to combat crime.

Staff and councilmembers discussed the differences between commissions, committees and task forces, deciding that the latter would be best because it could be set up quickly and help define the powers and duties of a committee.

"We want some action fairly soon," said Councilmember Susan Ornelas. "We don't want to wait too long."

Councilmember Michael Winkler said that during the recent campaign, he became aware of a "very substantial increase in burglaries in a number of areas in the city, plus vandalism and other crime. "That is something that was not true four years ago," he said.

Committee advocate Anjali Browning offered a brief presentation in favor of a committee. She said the idea sprang from the recent attack on a child in Westwood, which led to clearing of obscuring foliage on the path to school. That, in turn, made her and organizer Melissa Lazon aware of the need for a more formally structured, interactive and accessible means of making change. She said a task force would be useful, but that it should lead to "institutionalization" of the effort via a permanent committee.

"We're saying 'we're here, and we're ready to step up and do our part,'" she said.

Browning related key points from a proposed mission statement (viewable at arcatasc.org) and goals for the new committee, which include public safety issues, develop-

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Sisters chief calls for healing

Paul Mann
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EUREKA — The president of the Eureka Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence says an extended period of healing is a must, now that Humboldt Pride is slated to dissolve Nov. 30.

Calla Peltier-Olson, head of the local Abbey of the Big Red Wood, believes that before any new LBGTQ+ organizations emerge, a series of foundational issues and tensions must be resolved, chief among them racial injustice. (LBGTQ+ stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and queer. The plus sign signifies other identities such as asexual, pansexual, genderqueer and so on.)

"The goal can't be, 'Oh, hurry up, we need a new Pride organization because we need to have our festival again,'" said

Peltier-Olson. "The goal has to be to confront these issues in our community. After we've confronted them and are able to work together with common understanding, we'll be able to make something much more beautiful and much more healthy."

For the near-term, Peltier-Olson said the Sisters support plans in embryo for a series of community forums to air grievances and settle the racial and related conflicts that led to Humboldt Pride's putative dismantling.

The notional forums would be organized by the Humboldt County Grassroots LGBTQ+ Community Space Project, acting under the aegis of the Ink People Center for the Arts, the Eureka-based advocacy group for cultural development and civic discourse.

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FROM THE ABBEY Calla Peltier-Olson discusses the future of the local LGBTQ+ movement.

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EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY

FACES OF THE HOLIDAYS Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise's annual Taste of the Holidays celebration filled the Arcata Community Center with fine local food and drink last Thursday, resulting in much noshing and smiling. Top left, Alec Howard and Coco Maki; right, coat technician Eva Abrey; and left Ron Samuels, Kelly Livingston and Bob Felter. arcatasunrise.org

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❖ INFANT DEATH

Autopsy debunks accident defense

Paul Mann

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EUREKA — Autopsy findings discredit an Arcata woman's initial statement to police last August that she accidentally struck her 7-week-old daughter's head on a door jamb, causing the infant's death.

Court records state that Ewa Misztal, 28, failed to inform first responders of the alleged accident on the morning of Aug. 27.

Only after Misztal was confronted with the injuries observed at the autopsy did she claim she had "accidentally struck the child's head on a door frame while she was moving about the apartment" in the Parkway residences on Union Street in Arcata.

According to court documents, the baby, named Gigi, suffered head injuries consistent with a blow or blows of "far more significant impact than banging into a door frame," the pathologist, Dr. Mark Super, concluded from his postmortem examination last Aug. 28.

Accordingly, Superior Court Judge Joyce D. Hinrichs rejected a recent defense motion to dismiss the state's charge against Misztal, a Polish national, alleging assault on a

INFANT ❖ A2

Manila looks at serious upgrades

Jack Durham

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MANILA — The sandy outpost may upgrade its water tank, doubling or tripling its storage capacity, making the town safer in the event of an earthquake or major fire. The Manila Community Services District is also looking at other sewer and water upgrades, as well as a rate increase in the coming year.

Rate increase

An engineer with GHD is currently conducting a rate study for the tiny district's sewer and water departments. That study must be completed before the Board of Directors can determine the exact extent of the increase, which would likely be considered next summer.

The district's water budget took a big hit in March with the closure of the Sierra Pacific Industries sawmill, located along the banks of the Mad River Slough at the north end of town.

The mill, now completely shuttered, was the district's largest customer, accounting for 10 percent, or \$17,400 a year, of the water department's budget, and seven percent, or \$13,400 a year, of its sewer budget.

Another factor in the rate increase is inflation and the board's decision not to increase rates over the past nine years. The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District is also renegotiating its contracts with the municipalities that it sells water to, which include Manila, Arcata, Eureka, McKinleyville, Cutten, Glen-dale, Fieldbrook and Blue Lake.

Although more number crunching must still take place, the district is anticipating a water rate increase of \$10 to \$16 a month. The sewer portion of the bill may go up \$1 a month.

"It's significantly less than I expected," said Manila Manager Chris Drop in a Nov. 18

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Manila | May get bigger water tank

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interview.

The district has 350 customers, who now each pay a combined sewer and water bill of about \$70 a month. Rates would likely rise on July 1 of next year.

Water tank

The district recently received a \$500,000 planning grant from the state to study and design several water system improvements, the largest being the replacement of the town's water storage tank located next to the district office on Park Street. The tank, made out of redwood, holds about 100,000 gallons.

"It's not big enough to accommodate an extended power outage and fire flows," Drop said.

The district is looking at a more seismically stable cement tank that would hold from 200,000 to 300,000 gallons of water.

The district would also like to replace some water lines that have been springing leaks. There have been numerous leaks on Peninsula Drive on the bay side of town.

"We've been hammered with leaks," Drop said.

The planning grant would pay for the designs, studies and permits for the projects. The district would then be in a position to apply for state grant funds to pay for the actual improvements.

Sewer projects

The district is attempting to get a technical assistance grant to pay for some sewer projects.

"We're taking the first baby steps," Drop said.

The district is so early in the process that the details are sketchy.

One of the projects would allow the district to treat the gunk it pumps out of the holding tanks the residents have in their yards.

The sewer solids settle to the bottom of the tanks, while the liquids are pumped into the sewer mains and transported to the treatment plant, perched on the dunes west of Park Road.

Every few years, the district has to visit each household with a tanker truck and pump the solids, and whatever liquid is there at the time, out of the individual tanks. The watery sludge is then trucked to Arcata or McKinleyville for treatment. It can cost \$400 per truckload to handle the waste.

Drop is proposing that the district purchase a machine that would essentially strain out the inorganic solids, such as baby wipes, and allow the liquid soup-from-hell to be treated in its sewer plant.

The solids would accumulate in an underground tank, and every few years would be removed. This could save the district both staff time and money.

The district would also like to install an emergency bypass valve at its sewer lift station, which pumps the septic up to the treatment plant. Right now, if there's an emergency or a generator failure, residents are warned not to use the sewer system. If they fail to heed the warning, and the district is unable to fix the lift station soon enough, sewer overflows may result.

With a bypass system, the sewage would simply go around the lift station and straight to the sewer plant, thereby giving the district time to solve the lift station problem without inconveniencing customers or risking overflows.

This project, as well as some other valve and hardware upgrades, may cost \$100,000 to \$200,000, although it is too early to tell.

Drop said he would provide more information about the projects to the board at a future meeting.

Infant | Mom left hospital before police arrived

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child causing great bodily injury or death. She pleaded not guilty at her Aug. 31 arraignment and is being held in Humboldt County Jail on \$1 million bail. If convicted, she could serve 25 years to life in prison.

Public Defender Casey Russo, Misztal's attorney, originally asked Hinrichs for a Nov. 21 trial date, but has since requested a postponement.

Hinrichs was scheduled to rule at a hearing on Nov. 22 on Russo's appeal for more time for the pre-trial defense investigation.

On behalf of his client, Russo researched the medical literature on infant head trauma. In his submissions to the court, he cited recent articles and studies which, in his judgment, clearly indicate that such injuries are "an exceptionally complicated area of medical forensics, and severe trauma can occur from relatively minimal force."

Russo quoted a Stanford expert in pediatric neuroradiology, Dr. Patrick Barnes, "regarding the potential for serious inter-cranial injury associated with minor or trivial trauma scenarios, particularly in infants."

Asked if he intended to seek a psychiatric examination of his client, Russo declined to comment.

Color autopsy photographs document Gigi Misztal's injuries, including multiple skull fractures radiating in both directions along and across the crown of her head.

Dark blood detected both along and under the infant's scalp suggested bruising, according to Super's examination.

The photographs show an abrasion atop the baby's nose below the bridge, bruising to her legs below the knees, bruising on the back of her left hand "and distortion of the back of the head."

Arcata Detective Sgt. Todd Dockweiler, who was present at the autopsy, quoted Super as saying that the mother's claim of a bump on the head on a door jamb "was not consistent in any way with the injuries that he saw."



Ewa Misztal

Super also concluded, the sergeant told the court, that it would take a significant impact to a solid surface "more than once to sustain that type of injury." It would "cause unconsciousness and death within a few minutes."

Arcata police officers and firefighters attempted to resuscitate the 7-week-old just before noon on Aug. 27 in her mother's Parkway Apartments unit. The baby was pronounced dead in the emergency room at Mad River Community Hospital after transfer by ambulance.

Police learned from witnesses at the scene that Ewa Misztal took Gigi to a neighbor's apartment, saying her baby wasn't breathing and asking for help. The female neighbor told officers the infant was blue and nonresponsive. She accompanied mother and baby back to their apartment, where the neighbor was unable to find a pulse.

Another neighbor told police he recalled hearing, in the early hours that morning, "the infant crying so loudly" that he could hear her over the music he was listening to on his headset.

At about the same time Gigi Misztal was being pronounced dead, police arrived at the hospital and learned that Ewa Misztal had already left. Court documents do not establish whether the mother knew her daughter was dead when she left the hospital or where she went afterward.

Dockweiler interviewed her on Aug. 29 in the county jail, two days after the baby died.

Misztal told the detective she had neglected to tell the first responders about bumping her daughter's head against the doorframe because, in Dockweiler's words, she didn't think "it was that significant" and didn't believe it would cause Gigi to stop breathing.

Misztal's Facebook page listed her as a native of Kraków, Poland's second largest city, located on the Vistula River. The Facebook page displayed a photo of Misztal with a baby, tagged as taken in August in Arcata.

Pride | Hate crimes on rise

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Peltier-Olson has been asked to assist with arranging the first one but said there is no timetable yet. "A lot of internal dialogue in the queer community needs to take place before a schedule is organized around the foundational issues I mentioned. Nobody has any idea how long it will take. The Sisters have not met to decide on what our objectives will be in lieu of Humboldt Pride."

Tracing what she believes led to Humboldt Pride's downfall, Peltier-Olson said several factors were at play. In an interview last week at an Old Town coffee house, she said the organization's board of directors failed to heed challenges to its organizing practices, which "weren't inclusive of people of color." The lack of inclusiveness was part of "a larger critique of a lack of transparency and responsiveness to the LGBTQ+ community."

Josh Tillett, a year-long member of the Humboldt Pride board, agreed that moving slowly is advisable. "A lot of distrust was created in the community and racial justice was a part of that, primarily due to the fact that it wasn't even being recognized" by the directors, he said. "People are very apprehensive now about that Humboldt Pride name and affiliation. We don't want to jump back into that and make

the same mistakes."

Peltier-Olson said that with the election of Donald Trump, "There is no more important topic to address than the issue of racial justice. His election ... highlights the underlying white supremacy of American culture and brings it to a head. The national election confirms the need for local community organizing and adds a greater sense of urgency."

She called attention to the national rise in hate crimes at the grassroots, "as bigots have had their beliefs basically confirmed."

The FBI reported last week that hate crimes rose 6.8 percent last year, with a 67 percent surge in attacks on Muslims alone.

The Southern Poverty Law Center has counted more than 700 incidents of harassment or intimidation since the presidential election Nov. 8.

On Friday, U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch called the latest statistics "deeply sobering," declaring, "We will continue to enforce our nation's hate crimes laws to the fullest extent possible."

But Lynch's prospective successor, hardline law and order conservative Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), nominated by President-elect Trump Friday, is triggering depth charges in the minority black, Latino, Muslim and LGBTQ+ communities.

Sessions is well-liked in the Senate and Republicans applauded the nomination. But the *Washington Post* quoted Rep. Luis V. Gutiérrez (D-Ill.) as saying, "If you have nostalgia for the days when blacks kept quiet, gays were in the closet, immigrants were invisible and women stayed in the kitchen, Senator Jefferson Beauregard Sessions is your man."

President Obama warned after a summit conference in Athens earlier last week, "We are going to have to guard against a rise in a crude sort of nationalism, or ethnic identity or tribalism that is built around 'an us and a them'."

Peltier-Olson hastened to rule out that the nonprofit volunteer Sisters would assume leadership of major events. "We don't have the capacity to organize a Pride festival and as president I don't want my organization to take on that responsibility because that isn't our role in the community."

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Crime | It feels like crime is increasing

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ing crime-fighting programs, locating funding and networking community stakeholders.

"This really is an opportunity to grab hold of," Browning said.

A succession of citizens offered harrowing accounts of crime reaching into their homes and businesses, as well as a pervasive sense of danger in public spaces.

Greg Rodriguez, administrative vice president of the Associated Students of Humboldt State, said people of color have long endured violence in the community. He said there should be more discussion of white supremacist activity in the area, and called for creation of designated safe corridors for minority students to use around town. These would include full lighting and cameras that could capture any hate crimes.

Bob Doran said his neighborhood is rife with burglaries, and that his wife now hides valued possessions when they go out. "A lot of people don't feel like they're in a safe place in their own home," Doran said. "Everybody's getting robbed and we don't know what to do about it."

Leslie McCarthy said her neighbors have been victimized by burglars who tunneled into their homes via a crawlspace and dropped down through a skylight. "This is an epidemic," she said.

Community Pride & Peace President Steve Gieder said he supported the formation of a task force or committee. He said community meetings would be useful to help effect positive change.

Dante DiGenova, owner of Northtown Books, said his customers tell him how much they don't like coming to Arcata because they and their children don't feel safe. He said H Street is a magnet for violence, and that visitors are shocked at the misbehavior. "It's so sad to see what is happening to our town," DiGenova said. He said more police and better lighting would "make a huge difference."

Sharon King called for "solutions that will speak for all of us," and to put them into practice. "I want to see positive change that will help everyone," she said.

Community Pride & Peace Vice President Ken Hamik said his organization is pushing forward with multiple initiatives of its own. Such a public-private partnership, he said, could serve as a model for other communities to adopt.

Humboldt State Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Peg Blake asked for

action "sooner rather than later," and that students be involved in any solutions. She said students have been attacked, and that some stay on campus out of fear for their safety. "We lose students because of that as well," she said. Students' parents have expressed doubts about leaving their kids in Arcata after viewing the Plaza.

Harriet Ann Burr said she was attacked in broad daylight on the 11th Street bridge, causing a permanent heart murmur. A neighbor, she said, had an entire maple tree stolen out of her front yard.

An HSU student who didn't give his name said any increase in police presence would be met with resistance from students due to incidents of police abuse throughout the country.

Councilmember Mark Wheatley said staff should develop a recommendation for creation of a task force and bring it back to the council for approval.

"It's a great beginning," Ornelas said.

Crime in Arcata

Crime statistics provided by Arcata Police don't bear out the anecdotal accounts of an extraordinary surge in crime. Year-to-date numbers show 2016 crime in several categories to be more or less commensurate with previous years. But Chief Tom Chapman offered a couple of cautions in interpreting the numbers.

First, Arcata's sample sizes are small and its crime tallies low, making it difficult to identify trends. A small group of bad guys – as few as one highly active crook – can massively skew the numbers. For example, vehicle thefts vaulted from 56 in 2011 to 90 in 2012 thanks to one hyperactive player, but have since died back down into the 60s.

And then there's unreported crime, which doesn't appear in the stats. Chapman is well aware that incidents are left unreported, but not at what rate. "People get frustrated and don't always call," he said. "We have underreporting on theft and minor crimes."

Numbers aside, Chapman said he too perceives a jump in crime. "It sure does feel like it," he said.

One factor driving perceptions might be social media – Facebook and Nextdoor allow neighborhood residents to immediately share and compare incidents of crime in ways not possible up till now. It's not dissimilar to the surge in prevalence of autism, which some experts have said results not from any real increase, but from improved diagnoses and reporting.

One area being reported between neighbors on Next-

door as beset by burglars – Arcata's Bayview neighborhood west of Redwood Park – really is experiencing a burglary surge, according to Chapman. "Bayview is getting hit pretty hard, with straight-out break-ins," he said. "It's so unnerving and violating for that to happen."

One thing that might help perceptions and reality to better converge might be online crime mapping. Available in other local communities, the service would allow citizens to view an online map of Arcata and easily track what kinds of crimes are being reported where. Seeing the data could even encourage citizens to better report incidents so they'd be included in the mix.

Chapman said he got a quote of under \$7,000 to implement the service, and that's being explored.

Ginger Campbell, Arcata Police's Neighborhood Watch coordinator, said she was happy to have signed up four new possible groups at the council meeting.

The Plaza

Symbolic of Arcata's endless struggle to maintain order, observe human rights and respect diversity while offering an inviting common space for all, the Plaza offers a particularly vexing challenge. The signs at the corners offer a list of prohibited behaviors, many if not most of which are routinely committed.

CATEGORY	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016 (Thru 11/17)
Murder	0	0	3	0	2	0
Rape	5	3	8	14	7	4
Robbery	12	20	14	19	11	18
Assault	185	165	183	212	152	148
VIOLENT CRIME TOTAL	202	188	208	245	172	170
Burglary	80	175	142	142	160	109
Larceny	501	535	641	519	444	397
Auto Theft	56	90	82	67	69	66
Arson	23	13	15	15	18	5
PROPERTY CRIME TOTAL	660	813	880	743	691	577
Dispatched	22,490	23,588	21,646	24,386	19,170	16,416
Officer Initiated	19,502	17,984	20,581	25,799	11,656	8,493
911 Calls	5,960	6,753	7,625	7,650	7,963	6,679
Emergency (Priority 1)	697	559	736	1,003	831	583
CALLS TOTAL	42,455	43,763	59,491	56,111	52,386	45,367
Reports Taken	3,542	3,898	4,646	4,499	4,042	3,501
Felony Arrests	301	290	507	983	321	309
Misdemeanor Arrests	1,216	1,133	1,702	2,122	2,075	1,748

ANNUAL CRIME STATISTICS FOR ARCATA Although it may not feel like it, crime in Arcata is decreasing, but that's not the whole story.

SOURCE: ALCATIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Despite Wheatley's observation that the city has spent "an inordinate amount of time on the downtown and the Plaza in particular, to the neglect of our other neighborhoods," on most days it's as though nothing had been done about misbehavior there.

Unless an officer has time between calls and taking arrestees to jail to stand around and "babysit" – and when a wholesome special event like the Farmers' Market isn't in progress – cigarette and cannabis

smoke, drinking and other violations are the default situation on the town square.

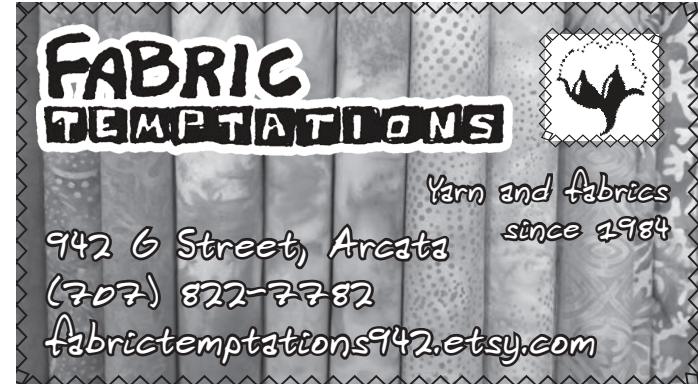
Chapman said "zero tolerance" of infractions on the Plaza because it would eliminate officer discretion. Everyone from serial misbehavers to naive tourists would be ensnared by rigid enforcement, probably creating more trouble than it's worth.

One option Chapman has been considering is re-creation of something like the volunteer "community

guides" program. Previously attempted by former Police Chief Mel Brown, the volunteer guides wore brightly colored windbreakers and were stationed on the Plaza to answer questions, advise violators of the law and notify Arcata Police of serious violations.

Chapman said the existing Citizen Volunteer Patrol force probably wouldn't be appropriate for such duty, as members are mostly retired folks not well suited to hanging out on the Plaza for extended periods.

McKINLEYVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN The Bard wrote that "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." The same could be said of McKinleyville's botanical garden, which now has an official name. At the request of the Rotary Club of Mad River, the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors voted unanimously at its Nov. 2 meeting to officially name the site the "Hiller Park Botanical Peace Garden." The board also voted in favor of an agreement that will allow the club to maintain the garden as part of a community service project. The garden is located west of the parking lot at Hiller Park, located off Hiller Road west of U.S. Highway 101.



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PUBLIC SAFETY

Arrest in casino heist

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

TRINIDAD – On Thursday, Nov. 17 at about 4:07 a.m. Humboldt County Deputy Sheriffs responded to the Cher-Ae Heights Casino in Trinidad for a report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. Witnesses reported that a male suspect entirely dressed in black entered the casino, brandished a firearm and demanded money. The male suspect left with an undisclosed amount of money.

That afternoon, deputies executed a search warrant on the 100 block of Samoa Boulevard in Arcata with the assistance of the Arcata Police Department and the FBI. Detectives recovered evidence possibly linking suspect Aubrey Emiko Ross, 23, to the robbery.

The following day, Ross voluntarily arrived at the Sheriff's Office to meet with detectives. Ross was interviewed and subsequently arrested on suspicion of robbery. He was booked into the county jail with bail set at \$200,000.



Aubrey Emiko Ross

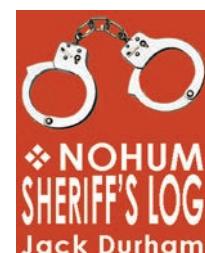
New device detects drug

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EUREKA – On Nov. 1, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office added another level of drug detection in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility with the VeroVision Mail Screener. The screener detects drugs concealed in incoming inmate mail using hyperspectral imaging to detect and highlight the presence of unknown substances that may be hidden within the articles of mail. Once an illicit substance has been detected, high-resolution spectral information can be acquired and used to generate a presumptive identification of the substance. The screener can image an entire sheet of paper in seconds using wide-field spectral imaging and sees through envelopes, paper, stamps, stickers and even under crayon.

On Nov. 3, just two days after installation, the screener detected Suboxone, also known as Buprenorphine, concealed in the seam of an envelope to be delivered to an inmate. The drug was in the form of a film strip that dissolves under the tongue, and is not easily detected with common visual inspection. Buprenorphine is a narcotic, a powerful and potentially addicting painkiller. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, over half of the 30,000 hospitalizations involving buprenorphine in 2010 were for nonmedical use.

An investigation is ongoing to determine the origin of the incoming mail and the contraband found inside. Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.



Tastes like heaven, burns like hell

• Sunday, November 6 7:18 a.m.

How drunk was Alfredo Canez? He was so drunk that he thought he was at the Ray's Food Place in Willow Creek, even though he was actually at the Safeway in McKinleyville. Staggering, unsteady, blurry eyes, yada yada. Next stop: Drunk tank.

• Tuesday, November 8 9:17 a.m.

Someone was trying to burglarize a vehicle on Whitmire Avenue in McKinleyville and was apparently interrupted and ran away. The would-be burglar left behind two flashlights. Deputies considered checking them for fingerprints, but the victim's children had already played with the flashlights.

11:23 p.m. On Central Avenue in McKinleyville, Billy Larkin was driving down the road, somewhat erratically. This caught the attention of a deputy, who pulled him over. As the deputy talked to Larkin, he could see a bottle of Fireball Cinnamon Whisky ("Tastes like heaven, burns like hell"). Nearby sat an open can of beer. Larkin smelled boozy and, according to the Sheriff's Office, readily admitted that he had been drinking at a bar. Normally, a deputy would call the California Highway Patrol to have an officer conduct a drunk driving evaluation, but no CHP officers were available. It turned out Larkin's license was suspended and he was on probation for a previous DUI conviction. Larkin was arrested and booked into the county jail on suspicion of driving on a suspended license, violation of probation and possession of a small baggie of weed.

• Wednesday, November 9 9:26 a.m. Out on East Ridge Lane in McKinleyville, three screw guns and a router were stolen from a construction site, but later a neighbor found the items, which had been hidden in some bushes.

4:20 p.m. The Bad Guys' arsenal got larger when a rifle was stolen from an unlocked truck while its owner was fishing under a bridge in Blue Lake.

11:09 a.m. Dustin King allegedly rolled

How to outsmart the grinches

Ginger Campbell

SPECIAL TO THE UNION

HUMBOLDT – The holiday season is here and people are already receiving holiday packages via delivery services such as UPS and FedEx. Nationally, as well as locally, a problem has arisen in which people follow delivery trucks, grab packages after delivery, run back to their cars and zoom off. While delivery drivers used to call law enforcement if they happened to see this in their rearview mirrors, they really don't have the time to do so as it requires identifying the vehicle, the person, and so forth, and we all know those drivers have no time for that.

So, if you know a package is coming soon, and if you are not going to be home, have the package delivered to a neighbor who will be there, to your work, or to another safe location.

It only takes a minute for someone to ruin a nice gift.

The same goes for anyone to whom you are sending a package. Ask the recipient if they want packages delivered to their home or to a different safe location, especially if they work. It's so nice to surprise people with a gift from afar, but if it never arrives, it's a very sad thing.

Cardboard recycling tips

Be cautious when recycling cardboard all year round, but especially around holiday time. When you put your cardboard out for recycling, do not leave anything showing that might indicate you have new valuables, such as a computer, flatscreen TV, iPod, iPad, iPhone, tools and so on. When you put your cardboard in the bin, fold it to the inside so that the printing does not show if some-

one lifts up the lid to peek in, and never leave the big boxes next to recycling containers. As burglars troll the neighborhoods, they make a mental note of who has something valuable that they can come back and get later.

Record serial numbers

Recording serial numbers can help with retrieving items if they are stolen. Write down the serial numbers of anything you send as gifts. On the other end, the recipient may not be as conscientious as you, and if they get their items stolen, at least someone has that serial number to give to law enforcement and to insurance companies. When you send items with serial numbers, include a reminder to the recipient to write it down in a safe location. If you ship directly from Amazon or some other place, remind the person to record the number. Recording bicycle serial numbers is also important.

Be safe and be smarter than the average bear.

Clears Fortuna HS students

MAD RIVER UNION

FORTUNA – The Fortuna Police Department responded to Fortuna High School for a report of a threat to student safety Thursday, Nov. 10. School staff detained two 15 year-old students who were suspected of planning a mass casualty event at a rally later in the afternoon.

According to a Fortuna PD press release, officers located some components for making an explosive device, however incomplete, in the possession of one of the juveniles. The juveniles were taken into police custody and transported to Juvenile Hall.

A subsequent press release issued by the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office stated that, "based on statements by students, Fortuna High School staff and the Fortuna Police Department responded immediately to a potential threat and took appropriate action."

The press release further elaborates that the FBI and Fortuna PD served search warrants on the homes and computer devices of the two juveniles, which yielded no evidence that either juvenile had the means to create an item that could be a health hazard. It further states that one of the juveniles possessed approximately two grams (less than 0.1 ounce) of sulfur, a readily available legal product with a variety of uses. It concludes that there is insufficient evidence to indicate the two juveniles conspired to commit an attack.

The FBI and Fortuna PD continue to investigate the case, but at this point, the DA's office stated that the evidence does not support filing of state criminal charges.

COURTS CHANGES CALENDAR

Effective Nov. 21, the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt has further modified the court calendar. In December 2015, there were approximately 726 pending criminal jury trials; as of November 2016 there are 431. The Humboldt County Criminal Court comprises four judges and one commissioner assigned to hear criminal matters. Under the new system, judges hear criminal matters, such as post-preliminary hearings and sentencing, each morning at 8:30 a.m. After calling their individual calendars, two courtrooms conduct jury trials the balance of each day. One court hears preliminary hearings and arraignments, and the other court calls felony and misdemeanor calendars. The misdemeanor calendars that are currently called by the commissioner remain unchanged. humboldt.courts.ca.gov

CHP ON IMPAIRED DRIVING A "Statewide Impaired Driving Enforcement" education and enforcement campaign to reduce the number of collisions caused by impaired drivers runs through September 2017. The grant enables CHP to conduct additional DUI saturation patrols, DUI checkpoints and traffic safety education. CHP reminds the public to call 911 if they see a suspected impaired driver. Drivers are also reminded to plan ahead: designate a sober driver, call a friend or family member, or use a cab or rideshare service.

Over a 100 [sic] turkey bags (and the pounds of pot contained by them) failed to reach their destination in time for Thanksgiving Day, when Luis Alonso Nolasco age 39 of Paramount, California was placed under arrest this morning. – *Lost Coast Outpost, Nov. 21, 2012*

Mini-unicorns frightened by fracas

• Wednesday, October 5 12:04 a.m.

F Streeters awoke to the sonorous strains of a woman screaming profanities and beating up on trash cans in the street. She was arrested on a drunkenness charge.

1:18 a.m. A woman bellowed obscenities at F Street store employees.

7:01 - 7:50 a.m. Campers, campers everywhere – M Street, Ninth Street, F Street, 12th Street, under awnings, on the ground and even in someone's backyard.

11:55 a.m. Multiple illegal camps were reported on various trails in the Community Forest.

5:29 p.m. After a report of smoking, dogs and blocked walkways on the Plaza, an infraction citation was issued, sending a collective shudder into hubris-Americans everywhere and solving the problem forevermore.

8:21 p.m. Whatever cosmic forces schedule the blithering idiot armies to howl unintelligibly at random times chose Foster Avenue and Alliance Road for the evening's kickoff lamentation.

• Thursday, October 6 9:28 a.m. A camper van with painted windows took up residence on J Street, its occupants using the nearby cemetery as a toilet. The campers were moved along.

1:25 p.m. A man in a multicolored hat helped himself to soup, bread and a beverage at a 13th Street store, and sauntered out without paying just before being arrested.

2:07 p.m. A fake PG&E representative attempted to scam residents at a 12th Street home.

2:31 p.m. Things didn't go well at an Iverson Avenue rental, where the landlord has reportedly cut electricity to the place.

3:35 p.m. Other than driving at high speed, making unsafe lane changes, taking hands off the wheel and playing music loud enough for people in other cars to hear, the Samoa Boulevard motorist was a model driver.

5:49 p.m. Future historians will have to ascertain the sequence of events at a G Street laundromat, for there are two dif-

ferent versions: One held that a laundry cart was struck by a car, which propelled it into another car, causing damage. The alternate version was that the cart rolled into the car on its own.

• Sunday, October 9 8:24 a.m. A determined ex-boyfriend tracked a woman's cell phone number to her current Arcata residence, drove four hours to get there and turned up at the front door, unwanted.

4:08 p.m. Another ex-boyfriend wouldn't give a woman her cat back.

5:48 p.m. A woman paid a guy a rental deposit on a Stromberg Avenue residence, but when she got there she found that it wasn't for rent.

11:06 p.m. A man and woman loudly argued on K Street. He was heard yelling, "Don't hit me!"

• Monday, October 10 11:32 a.m. The owner of a car left unlocked on Crescent Way came out in the morning to find an unusable key in the ignition and an old bag containing granola on the seat.

12:35 p.m. But an unlocked car just up the way on Beverly Drive was thieved upon.

6:18 p.m. A guy casing vehicles in Sunny Brae was arrested.

8:57 p.m. A child's step-mother turned up at the bio-mom's house, ringing the bell, screaming to be let in and refusing to leave.

• Tuesday, October 11 9:12 a.m. An F Street laundromat came under attack by people sleeping on its roof, with someone ripping the business' sign down and hurling it onto city property.

10:11 a.m. After a skateboarder with a jaunty septum ring left one argument, he directed his unspent anger at a passerby, striking him and swearing at him.

11:16 a.m. A traveler with a green hat and massive backpack plunked down right in front of the library's front door.

2:07 p.m. This one dude whapped another guy in the head with his backpack in front of a Plaza gift shop, frightening the miniature unicorns.

3:23 p.m. A kitten was reported tethered to a tree at Ninth and G streets.



OPINION

The rocky road to real change begins now

The Arcata City Council took an important, if interim step last week in going ahead with a Public Safety Task Force. The task force is a necessary precursor to a standing Public Safety Committee, the body which will really be able to go after Arcata's public safety issues.

Both the task force and committee are problematic, and if the council didn't move with all the dispatch it could have, that might be because forming these bodies is almost like adopting children. It's a huge commitment.

Both require a lot of administrative support and staff time. Depending on their mission and composition, they can be effective, or at the other extreme, desultory debating societies that deepen division.

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Task forces in particular can, at their worst, be unwieldy, inefficient, divisive and costly.

They're usually too large, and because of this, factionalism and infighting can set in. Focus is hard to maintain, and practical work sometimes gets drowned out by speeches and ideology. That's not entirely bad – some things are going to have to be said, whether we want to hear them or not. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Two things are key for all parties interested in a productive conclusion: stay focused on the mission and assume the goodwill of others at the table.

Participants must be able to let go of their comforting assumptions, to consider the evidence before them, to question their wonderful ideologies and accept the sincerity of frankly spoken contradictory opinions.

Final task force reports can be all but useless political boilerplate, with city staff later having to go in and extract the useful parts in order to form an action plan, get grants and so on.

Committees and task forces are also places where some citizens experience their first taste of civic involvement. They can serve as breeding grounds for future city councilmembers, too. Let's hope that happens since we always need new, engaged leaders.

A request to those who wish to serve on the public safety committee that lies at the end of this process: please, first attend a couple of advisory committee meetings to see what you're getting into – maybe Transportation Safety, Forest Management or Open Space and Agriculture, or the others – and get a taste of what they really do.

The committees aren't necessarily glamorous, or platforms for glorious rhetoric. If that's why you're joining, you'll be disappointed. These bodies tend to be about problem solving, and require a lot of preparation, cooperation and listening.

Part of being open minded is seeing the world around us with fresh eyes. It's hard. Most of our perceptions don't come from our senses – they come from our brains, which fill in the gaps in what we experience with what we assume. And it's always assumptions that trip you up.

This is something we in the journalism world must also constantly try and overcome – the problem of being on autopilot. In other words, falling into routine and letting your assumptions and habits guide you rather than what's really happening in the moment.

Nothing better exemplifies this syndrome than the obsoludicrous signs that greet one on entry to the Plaza. They describe all the things you can't do there, and which are done constantly. In fact, given the sights we see on the Plaza every day, the no-no signs might as well be a list of mandatory activities.

The signs serve no discernible purpose except to show us how irrelevant our city codes are any more. In that, they breed disrespect for law. They anchor us to a now-fictional paradigm we're no longer willing to support.

At this point, we should either enforce the laws they represent, or get rid of these dumb signs.

It's crazy, and crazy-making, that on any given day, conditions on the Plaza are such that we might have never had all those many town hall meetings and brainstorming sessions over the years on Plaza behavior. All those meetings, the brilliant newspaper columns, the campaign promises about "creative solutions" were apparently for nothing, since, obviously, nothing's changed. Once again, and for all that, we're again starting at square one.

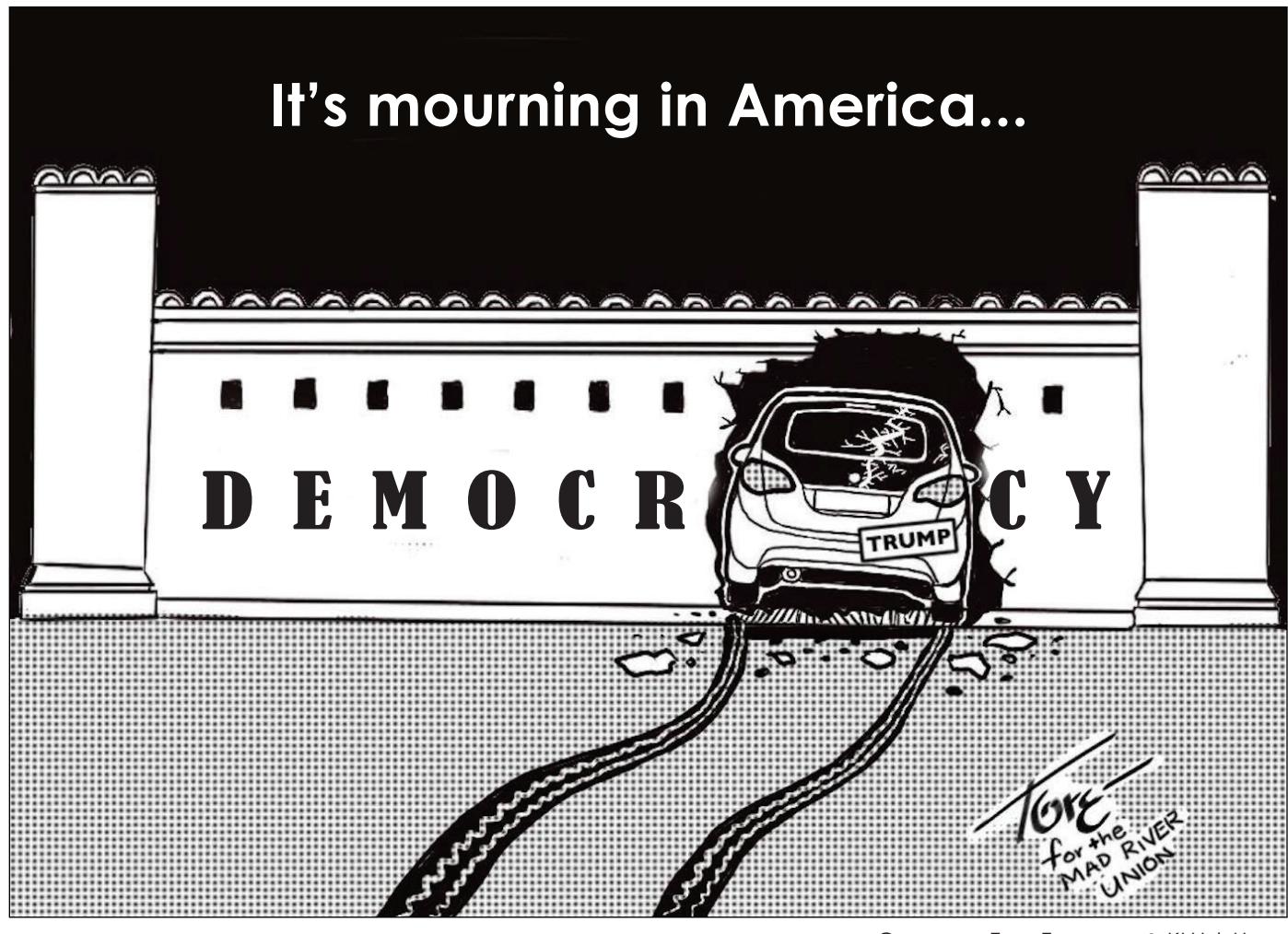
What's heartening is that we have no shortage of people who care, who are organized and are willing to work cooperatively – the committee petitioners, Community Pride & Peace, Arcata Main Street and a host of citizens motivated by direct exposure to the problems we're experiencing.

And, with the new Public Safety Task Force and Committee to come, we aren't just doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result.

Let's get behind these new initiatives with open minds and all our energies. Perhaps a year from now we will have made Arcata great again, so to speak.



It's mourning in America...



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'Here for all of you'

Thank you to all the voters and supporters that helped to re-elect me to the Arcata City Council on Nov. 8. I am here for all of you, for four more years.

Paul Pitino
Arcata

Reaffirm core values

(The following letter was sent to President-elect Donald Trump. – Ed)

As do you, we "seek common ground, not hostility; partnership, not conflict." In order to maintain the trust required for such productive engagement, it is essential that we immediately reaffirm the core values of our democratic nation: human decency, equal rights, freedom of expression and freedom from discrimination.

As college and university presidents, we commit ourselves to promoting these values on our campuses and in our communities, and we stand alongside the business, nonprofit, religious and civic leaders who are doing the same in organizations large and small.

In light of your pledge to be "President for all Americans," we urge you to condemn and work to prevent the harassment, hate and acts of violence that are being perpetrated across our nation, sometimes in your name, which is now synonymous with our nation's highest office. In our schools, on job sites and college campuses, on public streets and in coffee shops, members of our communities, our children, our families, our neighbors, our students and our employees are facing very real threats, and are frightened.

One of the roles of leaders is to protect and empower the most vulnerable. As president-elect, this responsibility rests heavily on you. Let this be a mark of your leadership.

President Lisa A. Rossbacher
Humboldt State University
(Signed with 109 other college
presidents.)

Rest in Peace, USA

Many of us are in a state of mourning for what once was the greatest country in the world but has now fallen to the fascists. As the "Not Really Elected New President" prepares to descend on the White House the parade of Nazis that will occupy the halls of power is astounding. Not since Richard Nixon took office have so many crooks assembled to take our country from us.

The first thing Adolph Hitler did was to force all Jews to register on a national registry, the better to find, round up and kill them. Hitler did to Germany what Trump has done to the US. Trump and his Neo-Nazi spokesmen exaggerated the problems in the world, made people afraid of them and told them Muslims and Mexicans were to blame for all their problems. Because this is how you win elections.

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We must resist. Resist the temptation to think it won't happen here and it is not our problem. Resist the temptation to believe that the seeds that are sown today will not be with us for generations to come. Resist participation in rhetoric and actions that show us as intolerable bigots. Resist the idea that this too will pass.

Write to your congressmen and impress upon them the need to resist. Remind them the bi-election is less than two years away. Shut down the government. The obstructionist Republicans have been doing it for years, I am sure we can do it too.

If all else fails, there is always secession. To secede from the Union is not an easy task, but it is certainly doable. You need money. California has that. We are the seventh largest economy in the world. We have a standing army; you know all those National Guardsmen the feds paid to fight in their wars and then tried to take the money back. We have industry. We have gas and oil. We have food and water as we still produce most of the food for the entire nation. The Midwest only grows corn and while you may like the taste it is not a sustainable crop for humans. We have the NASDAQ and the amount of money we could take out of the DOW would cripple the U.S. economy. We have statesmen and leaders who do not blame all the ills of the world on groups of people who flee poverty and war for a chance at a better life. And, let's face it, the other states hate us.

So that is it. Resist or leave.

Jan Phelps
Arcata

Sensitive coverage

I appreciate your thorough coverage of the recent panel discussion about the intersection of mental illness and the criminal justice system.

The article the previous week about the young Arcata man and his struggles with schizophrenia was sensitive and insightful about the cruelties of these illnesses and the heartache experienced by families.

I am a member of NAMI Humboldt (National Alliance on Mental Illness) as well as the League of Women Voters. I applaud their efforts to involve the community in a discussion about an illness that relates to everyday local issues including homelessness and prison overcrowding.

Debbe Hartridge
Arcata

Thanks for sharing

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude to Terry and Debra Jones for sharing their story and that of their son Shantaram.

I also would like to thank the *Mad River Union* for featuring the story. It is a thoughtful, caring and nonjudgmental sharing of a situation usually

kept hidden. I have felt individuals become uncomfortable when I share I have a mentally ill son. I hope the open sharing will help those who have not experienced the pain of watching a loved one struggle with mental illness have a better understanding and thus reduce the stigma often felt by those in a similar situation.

Thank you for the story and for featuring it so prominently.

Kim Windsor
McKinleyville

Main Street thanks

Arcata Main Street thanks our friends and sponsors for their time, talent and generous resources enriching life in Downtown Arcata this fall.

For our new "My Favorite Lecture" Series with HSU/KHSU in the Plaza View Room, we thank lecturers C.D. Hoyle, Ben Marschke and Julia Alderson. Plaza Grill generously supported every lecture, including food for our Taste of Arcata reception along with Café Brio, Drakes's Glen Chocolates, Sushi Spot, Beer Kissed, the Griffin, Royal Cookie Caper, Wrangletown Cider, Northstory Wines, Redwood Curtain Brewery and Sun Valley Floral Farm.

Trick-or-Treating on Halloween featured Shoshanna Rose and the Chamber of Commerce, Allie Jones and KRFH 105.1FM, Arcata's Volunteer Police, Lost Coast Longboarding, Missy Fiedler, Marching Lumberjacks, Redwood Raks Kids Hip-Hop dancers, Moms & Babies dancers, Wildberries Marketplace, the City of Arcata and volunteers Susan Ornelas, John Elder, Alison Lovejoy, Harriet Watson, Lori Richeson and Carrilyn Thorpe ... to name a few. Arcata's Merchants were the real hosts by handing out goodies and rockin' the Costume Contest!

Our first annual Dia de los Muertos celebration was made possible by generous support from Los Bagels, art by North Coast Prep, Mexican Brass music by Bandemonium, Black Faun Gallery with a full page about Ofrendas and Jeff Kelley. Vision and contributions came from Daniela Vargas, Dennis Rael, Lizette Santiago, Michael Cherney, Flora Harper, Julio Torres, and Juli Eagle. The community's response and participation was heartwarming.

With gratitude and warm wishes for the holidays,

Nancy Stephenson,
events and marketing director
Arcata Main Street
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Remembering beloved Betty Lovie of Fieldbrook Apples

Some people think it is strange that I read all the obituaries in the newspaper. Every day.

I like to read about peoples' lives; where they were born, where they came from, what their lives were like, and I even like to read the lists of their relatives. It's like a reading a very short novel.

Often, I wish I had known the person.

But I don't like to read the obituaries so much when there is a death notice of someone I know. Last week, it was the effervescent and kind Betty Lou Lovie, of the Fieldbrook Valley Apple Farms.

Even if you didn't know her name you probably recognize her smiling face as the woman who loved to give samples of her apples to you at the farmers' markets. She was always glad to talk recipes and which apples would be better for which recipe.

The apples were always wonderful.

Even more wonderful was the loving banter between Betty and her husband, Dick. I'd come away from the booth with a bag of apples and the knowledge that love was possible.

Not a bad combination.

Betty Lou Lovie was born July 13, 1943 in Great Falls, Montana. She died after a battle with cancer on Nov. 6. She was active in her community, working on Pony Express Days and serving as president of the Chamber of



APPLE OF MY EYE Beloved apple enthusiast Betty Lovie with her husband Dick.

JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

Commerce, according to her obituary.

She leaves behind her husband Dick, sisters and brothers, five children, 11 grandchildren and 750 apple trees.

The Lovies and their farm were featured in this column last year (*Union*, Sept. 16, 2015).

Here's an excerpt:

When asked about his favorite apple, Dick Lovie said, "I like them all." He did narrow it down to "Jona Prince,

Mutsu Crispin, and for pie, McIntosh."

Betty Lovie's favorite was a definite "Golden Supreme."

When asked who was the pie maker in the family, Betty Lovie laughed. "He peels the apples," she said. "He tells me, 'I'll peel the apples, if you'll make a pie.'"

How often is that? "Whenever he wants," she said.

I often deliver extra copies of the column to the farmer I've written about. (It's fun for me and I always like to check if I've made any mistakes, especially with spelling unusual varieties of fruits and vegetables.) When I went to the market with copies for the Lovies, several of their customers had beat me to it. One even laminated the article so they could keep it at their booth.

"We loved the article," Betty told me with a big smile. She came around from the back of the booth to pat my shoulder. "You did a good job," she said.

She was only five years older than I am but she made me feel like a happy kid, bringing home a good report card from school.

That's a gift, to be so kind in this world. Thank you, Betty.

A memorial is planned in the spring at Fieldbrook Valley Apple Farms.

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THE BUMPERS The McKinleyville Low Vision Support group, The Bumpers, invites the public to the group's meeting **Monday, Nov. 28** from 11 a.m. to noon at Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd. in McKinleyville. The topic is how to deal with vision loss when spending holiday time with family and friends. For information, contact Doug Rose at (707) 839-0588 or dougrose@suddenlink.net.

CREPS AT THE HELM Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association membership has elected Scott Creps as president to represent Humboldt County commercial fishermen. Creps brings to the position a long career as a local commercial fisherman, experience in fisheries issues and a degree in business administration. The association will undergo a corporate bylaw revision to increase its scope of fisheries and environmental involvement, all under Creps' leadership.

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GOOD GRIEF! Landen Olsen as the title character in Ferndale Rep's *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

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THE HUM
Bob Doran

Thanx
When I was a boy, our family Thanksgivings were often spent over the river and through the woods at my grandparents' farmhouse. (To be accurate, it was across a bay and over a mountain.) My silver-haired grandma would lay out a classic turkey dinner with all the trimmings, reminiscent of the iconic Norman Rockwell painting *Freedom From Want*, with gramma in an apron, setting the bird on the table on a large platter, where it would be ritually carved and then consumed. Gramma also made great pies, which bring back fond olfactory memories.

While we don't really think of Thanksgiving as political, its origins as an official holiday stem from an effort by President Abraham Lincoln to pull the war-torn country back together, at least for a moment, in spite of the Civil War.

Now, you're probably thinking, wasn't it the Pilgrims who started Thanksgiving? That's the story we learned when we made those colored

paper turkeys in school. In an account written in 1621 (which, BTW, was lost for a couple of hundred years), one of the Pilgrims, Edward Winslow, wrote, "Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowl-



WILD TURKEY "A Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a red Coat on," according to Benjamin Franklin.

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ing, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labor." A three-day rager ensued, during which they fired off their weapons for fun and entertained the local First People, the Wampanoag, as a thank you for teaching them how to grow corn and helping them through a lean year. They shot a bunch of ducks and wild turkeys and a few deer for the feast.

Thankful days were celebrated in the "New World" off and on, but it was not an official national holiday until Lincoln wrote a proclamation. Before that, it was up to the state governments to designate Thanksgiving holidays. The celebrations, mostly in the Northeast, took place around this time of year, but on different days from September to December, depending on which state you were in. Need I point out that the harvest-related holiday is yet another changing-of-the-seasons revelry borrowed from our pre-Christian ancestors? We've had harvest feasts for as long as anyone remembers.

The idea for a national holiday was not Lincoln's; he followed the lead of a powerhouse of a woman, Sarah Josepha Hale, a writer (she wrote "Mary had a Little Lamb" among other things) and an editor of a popular

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**MURDER
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IN THE CASE Scott "Q" Marcus as Inspector Colquhoun in *The Hollow*.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lauraine Leblanc

MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA — Just in time for the most fraught of family holidays, North Coast Repertory Theatre brings Agatha Christie's *The Hollow* to the Humboldt stage.

At their country house *The Hollow*, the Angkatell family gathers for a weekend shooting party. Hosts Sir Henry and Lady Lucy are joined by a sophisticated cousin, sculptress Henrietta; a poor cousin, shopgirl Midge; and a rich

cousin, Edward, to whom the estate was entailed (thanks to *Downton Abbey*, we all know how tense *that* can be). They are joined by a famous doctor, John; his hapless wife Gerda; and, unexpectedly, by Hollywood starlet Veronica. The whole group is waited on by butler Gudgeon and underhousemaid Doris.

By intermission, one of them will be shot dead.

This being a Christie work, on the way to intermission each of these characters will reveal secret pasts, tensions, neuroses and bad behavior. One character will turn out to be so despicable that everyone seems to have a motive to off them. Eventually, a death threat is made and, bam, we're all the in lobby for intermission talking about whodunit. (My restroom line poll revealed four different suspects, one of which – not mine – turned out to be the culprit).

The second half introduces Inspector Colquhoun and Sergeant Penny, not so much to clean up the mess as to ask the right questions that will allow the characters to eliminate themselves as suspects and sort themselves out. The ending is entirely satisfactory, even delightful.

Director Calder Johnson (who also designed scenery, lighting and sound) gathered up a lovely cast for this production. As sculptress Henrietta, Bayley Brown was nicely languid and acerbic, delivering her lines in a Sloane Ranger-ish drawl. As her cousin, poor relation Midge, Kelsey Larson was a portrait of pained restraint – and got to wear the best outfits, thanks to costume designer Laura Rhinehart. Larson was so believable in her role that when

the actors emerged to mingle with the audience after the play, one startled theatregoer exclaimed, "Oh! It's you!" to which Larson (perhaps still in character) responded without missing a beat, "Yes, we are real, you know."

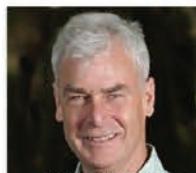
Morgan Cox deployed his mobile features and nervous energy perfectly as the nervy (in the British sense) cousin Edward. William Welton made an entirely believable retired British colonial governor – calm, aloof and a bit above it all. Montel Vander Horck III brought a properly arrogant demeanor to the doctor, and Sarah Traywick was consistently flustered and cowed as his wife.

On the downstairs end, David Simms clearly mastered the art of mingling superiority with deference to deliver a wonderfully highbrow butler. Ariel Bridges made a nicely tart working-class Doris; she slipped in some nice comedic bits as she repeatedly tidied the set. As the inspector, Scott "Q" Marcus put forth an aptly soothing and competent demeanor, and Tyler Egerer provided a nicely comic foil as his beleaguered and slightly smarmy sergeant.

The true standout of the cast was Willi Welton as the scatterbrained Lady Lucy. Welton's naturally childlike voice was already perfect for the role, and she played up a wide-eyed naivete as she delivered the very best lines of the play and effortlessly stole every scene. Brava!

The Hollow was adapted by Christie from her own novel (she wisely omitted Poirot, whom she detested, from the stage version) and, like all Christie's plays, is heavy on

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woman's magazine, *Godey's Lady's Book*. (She preferred the title "editress.") Ms. Hale had been writing letters to presidents and other politicians for around 40 years looking to make Thanksgiving an official national holiday. I should mention, *Lady's Book* had a financial interest in the idea since they had menu suggestions and recipes for dishes that helped sell magazines.

After the Revolution, in 1789, George Washington picked the last Thursday in November as the date for the first-ever national Thanksgiving, so that was the date Sarah chose. Her lifelong goal was fulfilled in 1863, when Lincoln proclaimed that everyone should be thankful on that Thursday because the Almighty "has largely augmented our free population by emancipation and by immigration, while He has opened to us new sources of wealth and has crowned the labor of our workingmen in every department of industry with abundant rewards ..." In short, we were free and we had enough to eat. Let's party. In the middle of a war over slavery and states rights, we were to take a break to offer "fervent prayers and supplications to the Great Disposer of Events for a return of the inestimable blessings of peace, union, and harmony throughout the land."

Sounded like a good idea, but it didn't really work at first — there was too much strife and bad blood for everyone to stop arguing and say thanks together. Harmony ain't easy. It took Reconstruction to make the holiday kick in nationwide.

It took some time for the thank-you holiday to evolve into what we have today: A day to watch giant inflated cartoon characters ("What the heck is that?"), lip-syncing Broadway casts ("That's really a show?") and awesome high school marching bands

at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, followed by too much football on wide-screen TVs before eating mass quantities of whatever as we rest up for Black Friday, the post-Thanks pre-Xmas consumerism holiday.

Speaking of #BlackFriday, my FB "friend" Mike Davis has an alt. suggestion, something he's calling "Black Eye Day." He says, "If you are LGBT, Muslim, black, Hispanic, Jewish, any minority for that matter, have a 'pussy,' or are a supporter of any of the above, then we should take Black Friday off in protest."

Mike figures, "This action will wake up those who voted Trump in, realizing that they can't get their \$40 Black Friday wi-descreen TV without the gay cashier, have their lunch served by a Latino or get help from the Muslim doctor, etc, etc."

Basically rebranding the *Adbusters* un-holiday, Buy Nothing Day, you celebrate Black Eye Day by calling in sick for work and not buying stuff. Says Mike, "Encourage others not to shop, especially at any place that you feel is not supportive of progressive politics and equality. Vote with your wallet. Vote with your skills. We are all in this together!"

Needless to say, there's not a whole lot happening this weekend in the local entertainment world. Many students head home for the holiday and most businesses are closed Thursday, aside from casinos (they never close) and restaurants like the Plaza Grill (where I'm taking my mom again).

On with the shows

Friday evening in Blue Lake, a group called **Redwood Ramblers** play something old timey at the Mad River Brewery. I thought maybe that was a shortened listing for the No Good Redwood Ramblers, or maybe the Mad River Ramblers, whom I saw at this month's Arts! Arcata. I checked. No Good Nate (the guitar player) said they

are not playing and explained, "We named ourselves the Redwood Ramblers when we first started only to find out a week later that there was a mom-and-pop duo outta Orick with the same name. So we added No Good. I often think we shoulda named ourselves the Redwood Rounders." So we'll assume the Orick duo is playing in Blue Lake. (Yeah, it's confusing.)

Elsewhere near the self-proclaimed "Center of the Universe" **The GetDown** gets down with some funk (the last Friday every month) at the Blue Lake Casino, followed the next night by electric blues by **Uptown Kings**. (That's Saturday.)

My pick of the week(end) is a show at Richards' Goat Friday night with **Jeffrey Lewis & Los Bolts**, a band that's right up my alley. Jeffrey makes his living as a comic book artist and a low tech musician. Born and raised in New York City, he grew up in a home without TV, so he drew the stories he imagined in comic form. He also started writing funny (but thoughtful) songs about stuff he found interesting. He combined the comics with his songs to make low budget quasi videos.

He played the open mic circuit, then moved up to become a great little "antifolk" open act for hipster bands. (He has a song about that, "Support Tours.") Somehow he landed a contract with the British label Rough Trade Records, alt. heaven where the roster includes The Smiths, The Strokes and Arthur Russell (google his name) and many more.

Jeffrey has also done work for the History Channel like a series on the history of communism, where he writes little ditties and illustrates them with colorful drawings. He illustrated a textbook, *Gender and Sexuality For Beginners* (by Jaimee Garbacik), did a comic book biography of Woody Guthrie (for *Bohemians*, edited by Paul Buhle).

He also organizes annual tribute concerts for fellow New Yorkers Tuli Kupferberg of The Fugs and Lou Reed. He's contributed to a couple of books, *The Truth of Revolution*, *Brother* about "punk philosophy" and *Let's Start a Pussy Riot* about the revolutionary Russian band with a prescient name. And he is up to no. 11 on his comic series *Fuff*.

The Goat show (in the Miniplex) also features the premiere of a new short movie by **Violet Crabtree** of **The Comix Trip** fame. This sounds like a special way to spend Black Friday, and if you must shop, I'm sure there will be some great merch that night.

The next night (Saturday), the Goat bids a fond farewell to bass player extraordinaire **Bobby Amirkhanian**, who played in countless bands and is tired of finding day jobs to support his music "career." Bobby is drawn to the bright lights of Vegas, where he hopes to work for some Cirque-type show. They'll be two bands playing: **Lounge Act**, which is a tribute to Nirvana, and **The Undercovers**, which is a cover band with a clever name and some chops in '70s and '80s music. (Adios Bobby.)

Last but not least, at Humboldt Brews Saturday night, Missing Links Records presents **Soul Night #60**. "I think we can all agree that after these last few weeks, what we really need is a night of judging people, not by their politics, but by the way they shake their hips," say the Soul Men: **Matt n' Adam**, **DJ Red** and **#JAY-MORG**. They promise to take your mind off your troubles with a hot wax treatment. I don't know about you, but I need one. I'm guessing they may have a tribute to the late great beloved Sharon Jones that night.

RIP Sharon, we'll miss you.

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SCI-FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT See *The Magic Sword* (1962) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Nov. 23** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. Devious wizard Lodac abducts Princess Helene, prompting young Sir George, apprentice to a bumbling witch, to nab an enchanted sword to rescue the fair maiden and win her heart. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

SANTA WATCH Eureka Main Street announced that Santa Claus will be visiting Old Town Eureka **Friday, Nov. 25**. He will be arriving at the Gazebo at 2 p.m. on a fire truck and roaming the area until 4 p.m. Santa will also be on hand **Saturday, Nov. 26** at 11:30 a.m. for the fourth annual Snowball Drop, a blizzard with hundreds of "snowballs" (ping pong balls fired high into the air from a

"snowball cannon") gently floating down. Each snowball is a discount, gift and or give-away from a participating business. Santa Claus will be in Old Town Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m. (and from 6 to 9 p.m. for Arts Alive!) through Dec. 18. (707) 442-9054

BLUE LAKE CRAFT FAIR Local artisans come together **Saturday, Nov. 26** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Rd. in Blue Lake to offer the public a chance to buy local art for holiday gifts. New to Blue Lake and this sale (but not Humboldt!) are Malia Matsumoto and Lush Newton, who will have hand-painted reclaimed wood items and drawings. Other professional artists include studio potter Susan Beecher and Elaine Benjamin/Blue Chair Press. Other artisans include Gary Markussen, creator of Wiyot Abalone Jewelry, Benjamin Green with book arts and cards/prints, Gloria Harnden with knitted toys,

Marlene Smith with succulent planters and barrel stave coat racks, Ted Jones with wooden artifacts and his "Bicycle Bouquets", Mariel Morison with ceramics, Donajean "DJ's All Bugged Out" with her beaded bugs and frogs, and Humboldt Soap Company. Admission is free to the public. This fundraiser for Blue Lake Museum will include a large selection of Christmas decorations for sale — some vintage or handmade — donated by members and supporters. There will be delicious food for sale with proceeds going to the Grange. *blmuseum@suddenlink.net*

SONG VILLAGE People who love to sing are invited to Song Village, a new singing gathering hosted by Seabury Gould, **Sunday, Nov. 27** from 1 to 3 p.m. at Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 S. Westhaven Dr. Singers are encouraged to bring the songbook *Rise Up Singing* and copies of songs they would like to share. Song Village is followed by a Music Improv

Circle, in which Seabury facilitates musical improvisations with a variety of musicians from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. Players of any instrument who would like to explore improvisation are invited to participate. Admission is free; all ages are welcome. (707) 845-8167, *seaburygould@hotmail.com*

THE RISE OF ATHEISM The impact of atheism in America will be discussed at Lifetree Café **Sunday, Nov. 27** at 7 p.m. This program, "Giving Up on God," features a filmed interview with a former Christian who has embraced atheism. It also includes the story of a former atheist professor, Holly Ordway, author of *Not God's Type*, who became a Christian. Everyone, regardless of faith affiliation or non-affiliation, is welcome to participate in this public forum. Lifetree Café is a free conversation café with coffee and snacks at Campbell Creek Connexion, corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919

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dialogue delivered at a rapid-fire pace. Every line is important, because each one may contain the crucial clue. This cast did a good job getting through it all, though there were some bits where a pause for audience reaction would have helped, as our laughter did drown out some lines. All that dialogue was delivered in a hodgepodge of British-esque accents, some more consistent than others (is it a *vayse* or a *vahse* — please pick one and stick with it). But one perforce gets used to worse, so it was fine, dahling.

Despite the violence, there's something comforting about a country house mystery; only the despicable die and all is put right by the end. If you are of the opinion, like Lady Lucy, that "a lot of discordant personalities locked indoors makes things 10 times worse," and you need a break from your family this holiday, you may find the catharsis you so desperately need at the North Coast Repertory Theatre, where *The Hollow* runs through Dec. 10. Visit *ncrt.net*.

And, please, do have the courtesy to turn off your cell phone when at the theatre — yes, I'm looking at you, woman seated in my row. Oh, the humanity.

CALNDAR

VENUE	WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23	THURSDAY, NOV. 24	FRIDAY, NOV. 25	SATURDAY, NOV. 26	SUNDAY, NOV. 27	MONDAY, NOV. 28	TUESDAY, NOV. 29
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Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. The GetDown	9 p.m. The Uptown Kings	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	8 p.m. Free pool		9 p.m. 707	9 p.m. Pressure Anya	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata				9 p.m. Soul Night #60			
The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	9 p.m. Whomp Whomp		6 p.m. Water is Life 9:30 p.m. Club Triangle		9:30 p.m. Sundaze		9 p.m. Comedy Night
Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata							
Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake		CLOSED			6 p.m. Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Free ping-pong
Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. RLA Trio	CLOSED	6 p.m. • Redwood Ramblers				6 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz
Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		CLOSED				7 p.m. • Open Bluegrass Jam	
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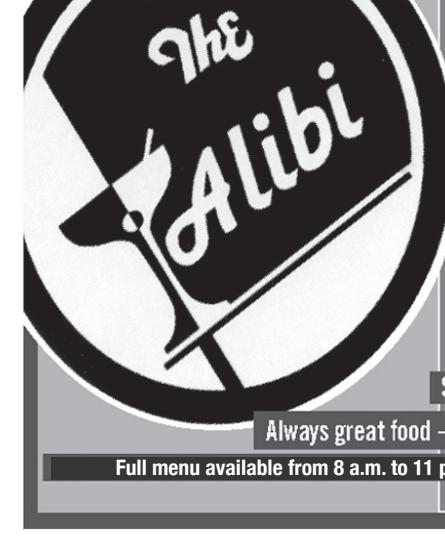


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through the Klamath Mountains," said Kauffman. Since then, he's been working to establish the trail.

"Last year 20 people hiked it," he said. "Ten the year before. I formed a nonprofit to oversee the establishment of the route and make maps. It's all on existing trails or roads, but some haven't been maintained in a very long time. Next summer, I hope to take groups of people out to do work on the trails."

Besides his passion for hiking, Kauffman keeps busy working with some 50 teachers in grade levels six through 12, managing a grant to develop new integrated curriculum to tie math and science together.

He's also an author and a publisher. "I'd written books and looked for a publisher. No one would promise me color and recycled paper, so I had to do it myself," he explained. Backcountry Press (backcountrypress.com) publishes many titles including *Conifer Country*, *Field Guide to Manzanitas*, *Articulate Earth* and *Conifers of the Pacific Slope*. They are all printed in the United States on recycled paper at this little powerhouse of a publishing company. "This year we published *Hiking Humboldt, volume I*. Next April, we'll bring out volume II," he said.

Kauffman moved to Humboldt in 2003 to get a teaching credential at HSU. He graduated from Virginia Tech and was teaching in Los Angeles County, without a credential, he admitted. "All the people I was teaching with had gone to Humboldt so I came up," he said.

He is married to Allison Poklemba, whom he described as an educator and much better botanist. The couple have a 4-and-a-half-year-old boy named Sylas.

Kauffman's approach to leading the Trinidad hike is a relaxed one. "We'll look at the flora and the geology," he said. "I'm honored to be asked to lead it. Sometimes I lead hikes and nobody shows," he added.



IN HIS ELEMENT Hike leader Michael Kauffman.

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Kauffman likes to involve the participants. "We'll introduce ourselves and tell our interests. I always say there is a lot of good knowledge here."

There is no charge for the hike; participants should meet at the bottom of the Trinidad Head trail.

The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, a nonprofit organization, protects and cares for properties along the coast from Little River to Big Lagoon. Activities include trail maintenance, beach cleanup, guided hikes, and an art gallery and library in the group's new gallery/office behind the Trinidad Library.

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♦ For more opportunities to take free hikes, guided tours and nature walks this weekend, as well as to help maintain our area's natural resources, see page B6. The Union offers weekly listings of such events on the Eco page at the back of this section.

Holiday theatre | Festive fun for everyone

♦ FROM B1

native dog, Snoopy. But when Charlie Brown's frenemy Lucy voluntells him to direct the school play, he'll unwittingly help everyone learn the true meaning of Christmas.

Adapted from the classic 1965 animated television special *A Charlie Brown Christmas* is appropriate for audiences of all ages. The live stage adaptation was authorized by the Schultz family and Lee Mendelson in 2013.

Ferndale Repertory Theatre's production features child actors ranging in age from 5 to 14 years old. To feature the talents of more local young actors, the production utilizes a double-cast system, in which two separate casts of actors will alternate performances. Jacob Severdia and Landen Olsen star as Charlie Brown; Jane McCaffrey and Graciela Garcia as Lucy; Isaacs Young and Kaden Mangrum as Linus; Karsyn Hammer and Taylee Mullins as Sally; and Layla Rose and Madi-syn Wood as Snoopy, with additional performances by Alexandra Nilsen, Booker Schrok, Cosmo Bernstein, Judah White, Korbyn Turney, Simone White, Grace Humphreys, Maren McComas, Perrin Turney, and Tomas Paoli.

A Charlie Brown Christmas runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through Dec. 17. Matinée performances are on Saturdays and Sundays, from Nov. 27 through Dec. 18. Audiences intending to see a specific actor onstage are encouraged to verify the correct cast will perform on the specified date, either by visiting ferndalerep.org or calling the box office at (707) 786-5483.

Tickets are \$16/\$14 for students and seniors (age 60 and over) and can be purchased at ferndalerep.org.

org, by calling (707) 786-5483, or at the door. The box office opens one hour before each performance.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

♦ Friday, Nov. 25 & Saturday, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Carlo Theatre, Blue Lake; Free.

♦ Wednesday, Nov. 30, 7 p.m.
McKinleyville High School; Free.

♦ Thursday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.
Winema Theater, Scotia; Free.

♦ Friday, Dec. 2, 5 p.m.
Orick School; Free.

♦ Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.
Eureka Theatre; Free.

♦ Sunday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.
Loleta Fireman's Pavilion; Free.

♦ Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.
Mateel Community Center, Redway; Paid.

♦ Friday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Van Duzer Theatre, Arcata; Free.

♦ Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.,
Lorna Byrne Middle School, Cave Junction, Ore.; Free.

♦ Sunday, Dec. 11 at 5 p.m.,
Yurok Tribal Headquarters, Klamath; Free.

♦ Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m.
Trinidad Elementary School; Free.

♦ Thursday through Saturday,
Dec. 15 to 18, 7:30 p.m.; 2 p.m. matinées Dec. 17 & 18
Carlo Theatre, Blue Lake; \$12/\$10 students and seniors/\$8 kids 12 and under

♦ For information on where to pick up free tickets, visit dellarte.com or call (707) 668-5663.

Alice everywhere

The Dell'Arte Company's annual holiday show tour returns for its 36th year with an adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland*, re-imagined for the unique struggles of growing up in Northern California. The tour begins its run at Dell'Arte's Carlo Theatre this Friday and Saturday.

This isn't your everyday Alice! Uprooted by family

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The production is directed by Dell'Arte's Producing Artistic Director Michael Fields, and includes original music created and performed by this year's international cast. Featured are

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LIDDED JAR This wood fired stoneware and redwood jar by Dave Zdrasil is one of the pieces featured at CR's Creative Arts Gallery.

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Faculty and staff art show at CR

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

EUREKA – The College of the Redwoods Creative Arts Gallery hosts the Art Department's Annual Faculty and Staff Exhibition from Nov. 28 to Feb. 2. There will be a public reception for the artists Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Participating artists include Brittany Britton, Cindy Hooper, Dave Zdrasil, David Wilson, Dean Smith, Emily Silver, Erica Botkin, Kit Davenport, Hannah Meredith, Mina Cohen, Natalia Margulis, Ruth Jensen, Ben Funke, Shannon Sullivan and Tova Lund. Work shown ranges from paintings to sculptures, mixed media to digital media, containing watercolor, ceramic, found objects, fabric, photography, video and more.

Diverse in content, media and vision, artwork displayed in the Annual Faculty and Staff Exhibition reflects the interests and explores the studio practices of the artists working at College of the Redwoods. This yearly exhibition continues to benefit colleagues, students and community members alike as gallery audiences have the chance to draw inspiration from work created by these individuals who exemplify the roles of instructor and professional artist within our community.

Gallery visitors will encounter a multifaceted experience as sampled by comments from the artists. Davenport explains that her work is a "balance somewhere between 'object' and 'tableau,'" which for her "evokes a certain mystery and humor."

Silver describes her paintings as "aggregates of color, texture, and atmosphere laid over cartographic skeletons."

Zdrasil speaks of working in our area with "glazes and clay bodies that often include local materials in order to connect [his] work to [his] environment."

Hooper's in-progress Cultivated Ecologies interdisciplinary project includes graceful and meditative video portraits of the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge, the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, the Kern National Wildlife Refuge, and the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge.

The Creative Arts Gallery at College of the Redwoods is located on the Eureka Main Campus, North Entrance and is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The gallery will be closed from Dec. 16 through Jan. 16, 2017 for the winter academic break.

For more information, call the Art Department office at (707) 476-4559 or visit redwoods.edu/artgallery.

This week's break, referred to in the past as Thanksgiving Break, is now Fall Break, as part of a greater effort by students to remove language at Humboldt State that is damaging to Native Americans.

– The Lumberjack, Nov. 21, 2015

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On The House...



Joanie and John Frederick

CURB APPEAL

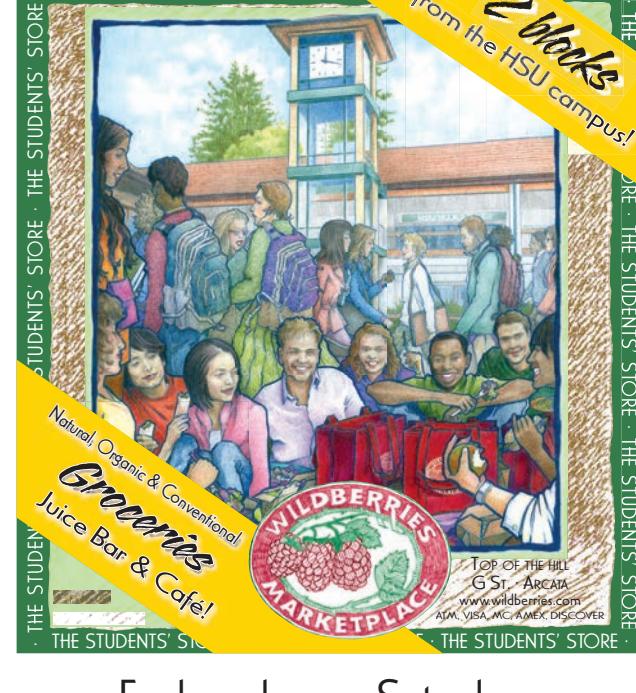
"Curb appeal" is a phrase that is used to describe a home that looks "great" to passersby. Sometimes, as real estate agents, we encourage our clients to offer an open house because buyers who admire a home's exterior often prove to be our most valuable prospects.

An investment in attractive landscaping can help your home sell more quickly. If you have a moderately green thumb, you can get valuable free advice from local nurseries. They can give you tips on what will look good in your yard, considering the time of year, the available light, and the type of plants that do well in the area. You will probably be able to choose from many attractive low-maintenance plants that will add color and vitality to your yard. Native plants that flourish even in hardship conditions are excellent additions to a landscape design. Whatever the season, a few dollars invested in your front yard will usually reap great benefits.

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TRINIDAD – Two Humboldt State alumni who own Moonstone Crossing Winery want to find a cure for cancer. And they're investing in HSU students to do it.

In the summer of 2015, Don Bremm (MS 1988) and Sharon Hanks (BA 1979) established the Moonstone Crossing Cancer Research Assistantship to provide hands-on research opportunities to HSU students. Their original \$3,000 gift supported two biology students. Encouraged by the success of the program, they deepened their investment in 2016 with a gift of about \$5,000, expanding the assistantship to support three students.

Under the direction of Amy Sprowles, professor of Biological Sciences, award recipients Sharon Otis, Rachel Brewer and Logan Bailey spent this past summer researching how genetic changes in stem cells can lead to glioma, an aggressive form of brain cancer. "If we can understand the regulation of molecular machinery in the stem cell," said Sprowles, "we can potentially control the disease and learn how to interrupt processes leading to cancer."

This opportunity also benefits students by preparing them for future careers in research and medicine. "The Moonstone Crossing Assistantship has actually put my goals in reach," said Bailey. "I marveled at the idea of being able to work in an actual lab, and researching and seeing the scientific process and biology at work."

Funding cancer research is deeply personal for Bremm and Hanks, who both have family members affected by the disease. Participating in cancer research is an emotional undertaking for the students, as well.

"Cancer holds a particularly weighted meaning to me as I've watched firsthand the damage it can do," said Brewer.

"I was able to take part in exploring a fascinating scientific question that ultimately has real-world implications for millions of people," said Otis. "And it was all possible through the generosity of people I have never met."

Bremm and Hanks want others to know how easy it is to support higher education. "We want to encourage others to see the effect a couple of \$1,000 gifts can have for students," says Bremm. "You don't have to be rich to make a difference in a person's life."

"We like investing in our local university," said Hanks. "And we want others to know how easy it is to help, and how good it feels to make a brighter future for students. Whatever your passion is, give to it."

If you'd like to join Hanks and Bremm's efforts, you can make an online donation at loyalty.humboldt.edu to support the Moonstone Crossing Cancer Research Assistantship. If you have questions about this scholarship, or if you'd like to learn about other ways to support HSU students and the community, contact the Office of Philanthropy at giving@humboldt.edu or (707) 826-5200.

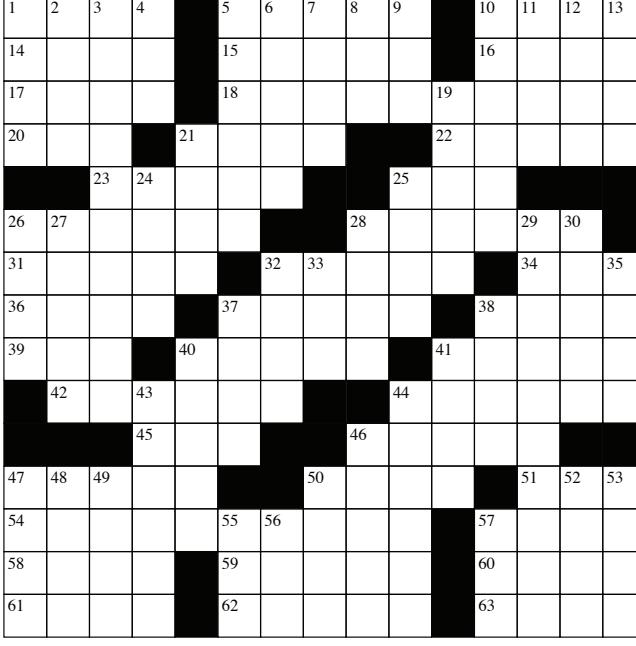
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- Curb
- Wrong
- Late beloved Bishop
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- Cause of distress
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- Annoy
- Fluttering tree
- Object
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- 1875 Bizet opera
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- Contaminate
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- Riveter of the '40s
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Blessings for an abundant harvest and hard work ahead

Thanksgiving Day's Blessing of the Fleet at the Memorial Lighthouse at 10 a.m. will honor and wish safe voyages and abundant harvests to these captains and their crews and their vessels: Zach Rotwein, Miss Phyllis; Jim Habib, Defender; Cameron Cox, Express; John Provolt, Jo; Rich Matheny, Joie Lynn; Tom Lesher, Jumpin' Jack; John Roley, Betty-Ann; Dave Turner, Night Wind; Craig Goucher, Second Wind; John Hinckley, Alabi; Mike Mc Brayer, Sundowner; Rodney Adams, Sjoholm; Mark Gerard, Jennie 2; Sunny Davi, Surfrider; John Collins, Toni-Rae; Curt Wilson, Windrose and the crew of Kai-aku.

Marge O'Brien will be mistress of ceremonies for the blessing, which will be given by Church of the Rock and Axel Lindgren III. The Ramblers of Orick will provide music. Greta Daniels, Kimberly Adams, Marna Powell, Michelle Collins and Lisa Espejo are assisting. Pier Manager Grant Roden noted that the Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria will provide hot beverages and doughnuts. The ceremony lasts about one hour.

Opt Outside

The Trinidad Coastal Land Trust and REI will lead a guided hike on Trinidad Head up to the lighthouse Friday, Nov. 25, the day after Thanksgiving, at 1 p.m. Bundle up and join outdoor enthusiasts at the base of the head and continue to offer thanks for the amazing area in which we live. (See page B1 for more details.)

Christmas Tea at Trinidad Civic Club

Co-Presidents Dana Hope and Tonda Ferrando cordially invite Civic Club members and guests to the annual Christmas Tea honoring past presidents Thursday, Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. in the Club Room in Town Hall. Members provide savory and sweet treats. Pianist Jackie Hogan and Penne O'Gara will lead Christmas carol singing.

Jan West and this columnist will help decorate the



room with gingerbread houses. For information, call (707) 677-3816.

New County Library Director Vanessa Christman

Trinidad Library Branch Manager Kristin Dalziel and the Friends of the Trinidad Library cordially invite the community to meet Vanessa Christman, who works out of the Eureka Main Branch Library, Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m. Friends of the Trinidad Library members should arrive at 10 a.m. for a brief meeting.

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust members, Trinidad Museum volunteers, library volunteers and staff, the City Council and city staff and the community at large all are invited to make Vanessa feel extra welcome in her new county. In the past, she has worked with libraries in Santa Clarita, San Rafael, Dixon and Placerville, and she hopes to remain in Humboldt County for a very long time. She began her job in late October.

Song Village-Music Improvisational Circle

Meet at Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 South Westhaven Dr., Sunday, Nov. 27 for folk songs and songs conducive to group singing at 1 p.m. and at 3:15 for eclectic forms of improvisation from Indian to traditional folk music. The Westhaven Center's new Musician-in-Residence Seabury Gould will lead the fun.

Call (707) 845-8167 for information or visit seaburygould.com. (See page B2 for more details.)

Trinidad Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party

Join the Trinidad Chamber for its annual Holiday Party Saturday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall. All are invited for tasty hors d'oeuvres by Uniquely Yours, dancing and socializing. Tickets, at \$25 each, are available at Lighthouse Grill, Moonstone Crossing Winery and Salty's. Dress up, mingle and jingle! Celebrate the season of joy and conviviality and generosity of spirit.

And wish the country's new president and all of our newly elected leaders good health and success in their demanding jobs!

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER Join the community for a Thanksgiving dinner at the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy., Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, Nov. 24**. This free celebration, featuring live music throughout the day as well as a delicious home-cooked meal, is open to everyone in the community. Drop in any time between noon and 3 p.m. Sponsors include Arcata House Partnership, Arcata Exchange, Arcata Presbyterian Church, Arcata United Methodist Church, Arcata Zen Group, Bob & Ebba, California Conservation Corps, City of Arcata, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

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HARVEST FEAST Arcata Veterans Hall, 1425 J St., invites veterans, supporters and hungry stomachs to celebrate the harvest season Thanksgiving day, **Thursday, Nov. 24**. Enjoy a wholesome, fresh, home-cooked and delicious meal with good company. Dinner starts at 3 p.m.

Pre-Thanksgiving Inventory Reduction Sale!

If you are reading this the morning before Thanksgiving, there is still time to go up to the shelter today and get in on the pre-Thanksgiving Inventory Reduction Sale! The shelter is open until 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. Last year, 13 dogs found homes during Thanksgiving week; I am hopeful that this year will have a similar outcome.

There are 30 dogs available for adoption at the shelter right now and what a great selection it is! When the shelter gets crowded like this, it can seem a bit chaotic, with more noise and activity. The dogs are even less likely than usual to look calm and composed in their kennels. But take them outside and away from the noise, and you'll see what nice dogs they are. As I've mentioned before, they spend a long time each day in a small space and need a chance to run off a little steam before you can really see their true personalities.

Here are two very easygoing male dogs available. Parker is a Heinz 57 mix with lovely manners. Several volunteers claim to be smitten with this nice boy! He already knows quite a few commands, including "sit," "shake" and "down," is a great ball player and is very gentle. He is guesstimated to be about 3 years old. Parker has a nice soft tricolor coat and loves to be brushed. Volunteers describe him as affectionate and a perfect family dog. Parker weighs about 50 pounds.

Jack is a 5-year-old male Border Collie. He is another very nice dog, quiet and great on the leash. Jack is a calm and mature dog that could fit in almost anywhere. Jack has the longer fur that is typical of a Border Collie. His coat is almost all black with a white blaze on his chest. Jack is tall and lean, probably weighing in around 60 pounds.

Both of these fellows are neutered, microchipped and

current on their vaccinations. They are available at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville, near the airport. More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

Redwood Pals hasn't had a quiet moment since this influx of dogs hit critical mass at the shelter. We have been working every day to get good dogs out of the shelter and into safe foster homes. Sometimes, it takes a few tries to find the right match of dog and home, but we have been happy with how this week has settled out.

Dogs that we have been able to help include two little dogs that were returned to the shelter for issues that were easily corrected, the border collie that was abandoned in a plastic box on the riverbank, a terrified young dog that wouldn't even stand up at the shelter, and an adorable chihuahua puppy that only needed a few minutes of cuddling to lose his nickname "Nipper." It is so rewarding to see these dogs blossom into confident and happy companions once they realize they are safe.

We are looking for a foster or adoptive home for at least one more dog that is still in the shelter at this writing. Handsome Murphy is a 10-month-old Border Collie mix. He is very friendly with people and other dogs. In fact, Murphy would do well in almost any kind of home. He plays well with other dogs and is deferential to older dogs that may not want to play with him. Murphy hasn't had much training, but he is very easy to please and seems motivated by both treats and praise.

He is with Redwood Pals because he was scared of some people while in his kennel and barked. We had four different volunteers go to his kennel to meet him and no one had a problem. Understandably, when the shelter is this full, the shelter staff are less willing to give a dog like Murphy more time to adjust to the shelter environment. Everyone who works at the shelter agrees that he is just fine out of the scary kennel. Most likely we will have pulled him out of the shelter by the time this goes to press, but we'd love to find this happy boy a permanent home! If you'd like to meet Murphy, please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or call (707) 839-9692.



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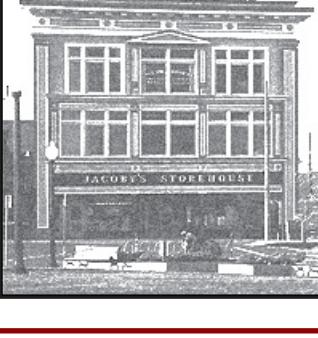
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THANKSGIVING MORNING MEANDER Join Friends of the Arcata Marsh for its 17th annual Thanksgiving morning meander **Thursday, Nov. 24**. Jenny Hanson and Barbara Reisman will lead a 90-minute walk around the marsh beginning at 10 a.m. Meet on the porch of the Interpretive Center on South G Street. (707) 826-2359

FRIDAY DUNE WALK Stretch your legs and get outside to walk off your holiday dinner with a Friends of the Dunes naturalist **Friday, Nov. 25** from 1 to 4 p.m. Explore the 118-acre land trust and learn about the unique and diverse coastal dunes. All ages are welcome. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. RSVP is recommended but not required; call (707) 444-1397 or email info@friendsofthedunes.org.

DRINK WINE, SAVE SALMON Join Sanctuary Forest and Whitethorn Winery in supporting the fight to save the Van Arken Watershed at the annual

Drink Wine, Save Salmon wine tasting fundraiser **Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25 and 26** from 1 to 5 p.m. at Whitethorn Winery, 545 Shelter Cove Rd. A cover charge of \$10 includes a full tasting, hors d'oeuvres and live music. There is also a silent raffle, auction and a bar with a selection of wine by the glass. Proceeds benefit Sanctuary Forest's work to conserve this landscape in the headwaters of the Mattole River. (707) 986-1087 ext. 9

SHAY PARK WORKDAY The City of Arcata's Environmental Services Department and the Humboldt Trails Council's Volunteer Trail Stewards invite you to the final community volunteer work day of 2016 at Shay Park **Saturday, Nov. 26** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at 9 a.m. at the north end of Shay Park on Foster Avenue to conduct trail and vegetation maintenance as well as remove litter and graffiti from the park area. Be sure to wear long sleeves, work pants and boots, and bring rain gear and water. Gloves, tools, snacks

and beverages will be provided. (707) 825-2163, eservices@cityofarcata.org

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, Nov. 26** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Leslie Anderson at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the birds or ecology of the Marsh. Loamer binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

SLOW MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour **Tuesday, Nov. 29** at 2 p.m. for those who love the Marsh and want to enjoy seeing it at a slower pace than regular Saturday tours. The tour lasts 90 minutes across even, level ground and is suitable to attendees of all ages. Meet leaders John DeMartini and Jane Wilson at the first parking lot on South I Street in front of Samoa Boulevard. This tour is held the last Tuesday of each month, come rain, shine, or wind. (707) 826-2359

Give a gift of greenery

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA — Looking to offset your holiday travel or purchase local gifts for the environmentally-conscious people in your life? Consider the gift of carbon offsets from the Arcata Community Forest!

Thanks to a partnership between the City of Arcata's Environmental Services Department and the Climate Action Reserve, you can invest in ecologically-based, sustainable forestry and protect our climate by purchasing local carbon offsets. This year, the city has 2008 vintage forest carbon offsets available from the Arcata Community Forest's Jacoby Creek/Barnum Tract.

For just \$11 per metric ton (or \$10 each when you buy 10 or more), you can reduce greenhouse gases in the atmosphere equivalent to a round trip flight from SFO to JFK or driving a midsized car 2,000 miles. When you buy offsets from the Arcata Community Forest's Jacoby Creek/Barnum Tract, you help grow large old trees and pay for carbon sequestration for the long term – 100 years or more!

For more information on reducing greenhouse gases with carbon offsets, visit climateactionreserve.org. To buy Arcata Community Forest carbon offsets, visit city-ofarcata.org/190/City-Forests or call the City of Arcata Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184.



Thanksgiving Menu

Thursday, November 24th | Noon-9PM

Our Thanksgiving Dinners are made from scratch using the finest ingredients.

Choose an entrée:
Traditional Carved Turkey ~\$22
Ricotta Gnocchi with Butternut Squash Sauce ~\$24
Grilled Salmon Filet with Sage Butter ~\$24
Prime Rib
12 ounce ~\$25
20 ounce ~\$35

All entrées will be served family style with:
Stuffing
Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
Green Bean Casserole
Yams & Marshmallow

Your Choice of House Salad or Soup:
Carrots and Cashew
Beef and Barley

Don't forget to ask about our selection of delicious desserts!

Ask about a discount for children under 12. Menu subject to change.



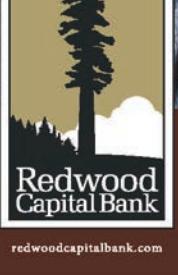
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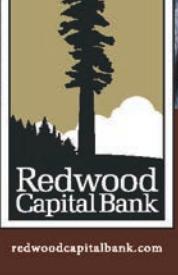
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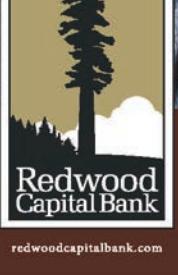
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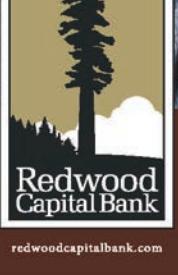
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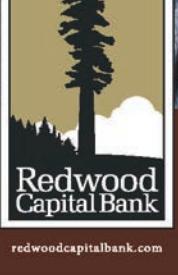
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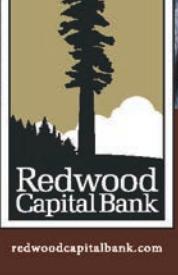
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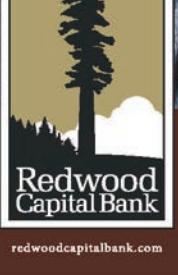
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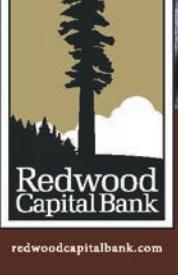
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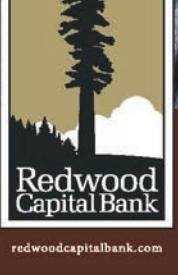
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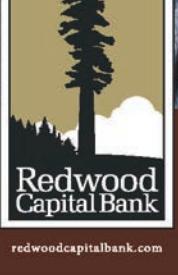
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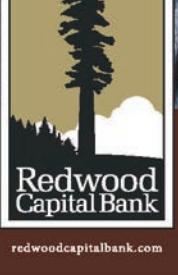
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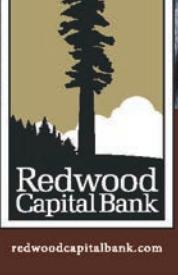
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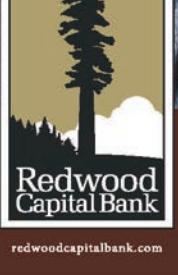
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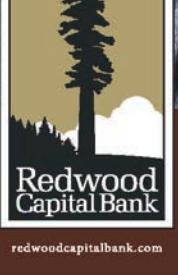
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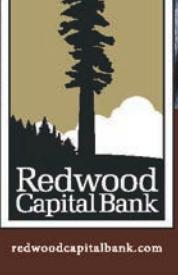
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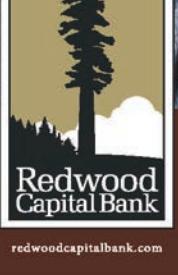
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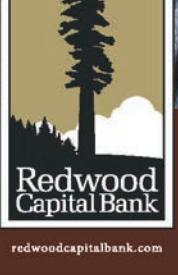
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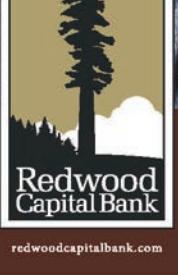
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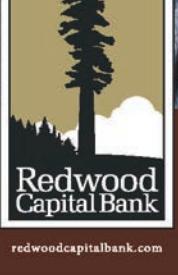
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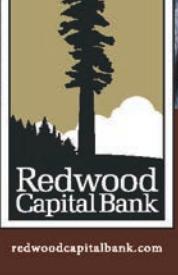
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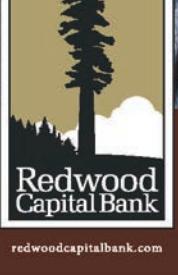
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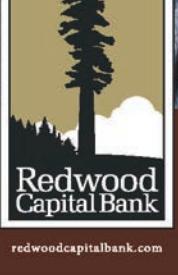
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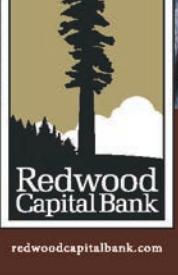
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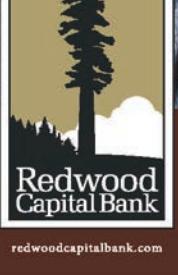
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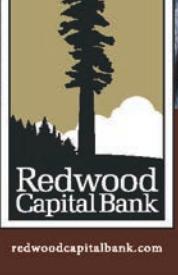
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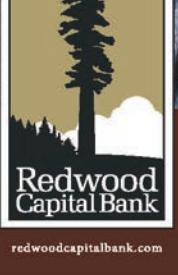
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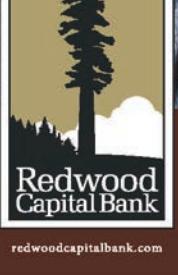
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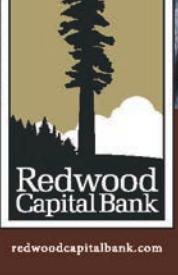
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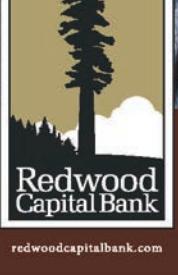
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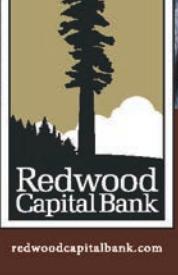
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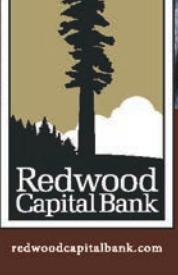
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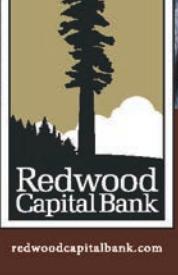
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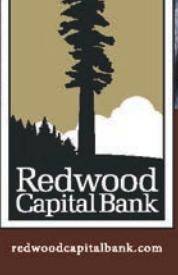
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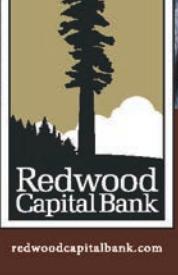
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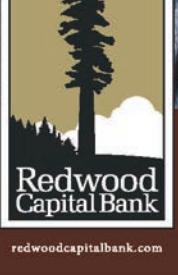
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